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# HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

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## ***African American Reparations Advisory Committee***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

**April 10, 2023**

**5:30 p.m.**

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For more information, contact the Commission Secretary at 415-252-2500  
Agenda and other information are available on the HRC website: [www.sfgov.org/sfhumanrights](http://www.sfgov.org/sfhumanrights)

Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.

**1. 3:15 CALL TO ORDER AND COMMITTEE ROLL CALL** (*Action Item*)

**Present:** Eric McDonnell, Tinisch Hollins, Gloria Berry, Rev. Dr. Amos Brown, Gwendolyn Brown, Tiffany Carter, Anietie Ekanem, Laticia Erving, Omerede “Rico” Hamilton, Daniel Landry, James Lance Taylor, Starr Williams

**Absent:** Shakeyla O’Cain, Nikcole Cunningham (arrived later due to illness)

Meeting was called to order with 13 Committee Members present.

**2. 5.08 PRELIMINARY REPORT ON AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AARAC) FOCUS GROUPS CONVENED BY THE URBAN AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS MASTER’S STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO** (*Discussion Item*)

Presentation from University of San Francisco Community Engaged Research Methods, [Master’s in Urban & Public Affairs \(UPA\)](#) class, Dr. Rachel Brahinsky, re: supporting AARAC by conducting interviews and surveys with community stakeholders; developing questions, protocols, and interview subject lists based on research priorities identified by AARAC members, community members, and Human Right Commission staff; and, attending public events related to the Reparations effort.

**Presentation:** **Cristopher Acosta**, Masters Student, Urban and Public Affairs Program, University of San Francisco

**Claire Morgan**, Master’s Student, Urban and Public Affairs Program, University of San Francisco

**Dr. Rachel Brahinsky**, Professor of Urban and Public Affairs Program and Geographer, University of San Francisco

**Juell Stewart**, Manager, Economic Rights Division, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

**Public Comment**

**Committee Comment**

Committee members asked questions and received information potentially related to meeting eligibility that may or may not be included in the final report.

**Additional Reports presented during this item:**

Report back by Juell Stewart on the [Community Survey](#)

Dr. Kirby Lynch discussing: [Reparations and Spatial Justice](#)  
[University of San Francisco Presentation](#)

### **Public Comment**

Unidentified person, Cheryl Thornton, Deborah Stevens, Naasira Ageela, LaDonna Williams, LaShawndra Breston, Alicia Mayo, Ayat Jalal Bryant.

### **3. 1:22:01 CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS *(Discussion Item)***

This is time for City Departments to report back on information requests from the African American Reparations Advisory Committee. This month representatives from the Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure, and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing will present and submit a written response to questions provided in advance.

Presentation: **Shireen McSpadden, Director**, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, City and County of San Francisco

**Eric Shaw, Director**, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, City and County of San Francisco

**Rachel Tanner**, President, Planning Commission, City and County of San Francisco

**Rich Hillis**, Director, Planning Department, City and County of San Francisco

**Thor Kaslofsky, Director**, Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure, City and County of San Francisco

**Committee Comment**

**Public Comment**

#### **Links to reports:**

[Homelessness and Supportive Housing](#)

[Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development](#)

[Planning Department](#)

[Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure](#)

**Public Comment:** Bell Free, Ace Washington, Alicia Mayo, Melody Huff, Ailena Vargas, Cheryl Thornton, LaDonna Williams, JB, Jessica Ellis, Libah Sheppard, Mo McNealy, Geoffrey Grier, Dede Hewitt, M. Mohammed, Victoria Grigsby, Taconia Maxey, Ayat Jalal Bryant,

### **4. 3:23 UPDATES TO AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT REPORT *(Discussion and Possible Action Item)***

This is time for members of the African American Reparations Advisory Committee (AARAC) to discuss and potentially update recommendations for the final San Francisco Reparations Plan, including any updates to the eligibility requirements.

**Presentation:** **Eric McDonnell**, Chair, African American Reparations Advisory Committee, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

**Tinisch Hollins**, Vice Chair, African American Reparations Advisory Committee, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

**Public Comment**

**Committee Comment**

This item was continued to the May 8, 2023 meeting at the call of the chair.

**5. CHAIR REPORT** (*Discussion Item*)

**Presentation:** **Eric McDonnell**, Chair, African American Reparations Advisory Committee, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

**Tinisch Hollins**, Vice Chair, African American Reparations Advisory Committee, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

The Chair and Vice Chair will report back on their work representing the African American Reparations Advisory Committee since the March 13, 2023 meeting.

**Public Comment**

**Committee Comment**

This item was continued to the May 8, 2023 meeting at the call of the chair.

**6. 4:56:27 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Discussion Item*)

Members of the public may address the Advisory Committee on matters that are within the Reparations jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda. Speakers shall address their remarks to the Committee as a whole and not to individual Committee Members or Department personnel.

Sarah Gold, Naasira Ageela, Deborah Tripp, Libah Sheppard, Dede Hewitt, LaDonna Williams, Prince Ramses, JB, Taconia Maxey, Ayat Jalal Bryant, Yahsmeen Abdusami, Alicia Mayo, Mo McNealy, Victoria Grigsby, Sammy Broadnax, Derrold Williams, Shirletha Holmes-Boxx, Kathleen D. Hicks:

**7. 3:53 ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 13, 2023 MEETING RECORDING AND TRANSCRIPTION** (*Discussion and Possible Action Item*)

Review and anticipated adoption of video recording and minutes of the African American Reparations Advisory Committee's February 13, 2023 meeting.

**Tabled to the May 8, 2023 Meeting**

**8. 5:53:07 ADJOURNMENT**

Transcription of the meeting minutes are available upon request to the Committee Secretary, [reparations@sfgov.org](mailto:reparations@sfgov.org).

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28pm.